

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Seong-jin MOON et al.

Serial No. 10/756,422

Group Art Unit: 2621

Confirmation No. 3266

Filed: January 14, 2004

Examiner: Christopher O. Onuaku

For: RECORDING MEDIUM FOR STORING VIRTUALLY DELETED STILL PICTURE INFORMATION, RECORDING AND/OR REPRODUCING METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

COMMENTS REGARDING STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability mailed November 1, 2006. In the Statement, the Examiner attempts to summarize the scope of the claims. However, the summarization does not reflect in the scope of the claims as presented. By way of example, claim 1 does not include the language "for preventing file extent information from being excessively increasing" as set forth in the Statement. Moreover, while the Examiner characterizes certain prior art in light of the claims, applicant cannot confirm the accuracy of the Examiner's characterization and reserves judgment on the scope of the prior art and of any further distinctions as compared to the prior art. The foregoing is merely meant to be exemplary, and does not point out all of the discrepancies between the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance and the claimed features of the currently pending claims.

It is further submitted that the claims speak for themselves and should not be interpreted based on the Examiner's characterizations of same. It is also submitted that the claims provide their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance.

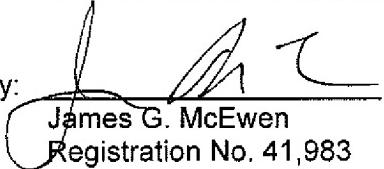
In summary, it is submitted that the Examiner's Statement "raises possible

misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects" (M.P.E.P. §1302.14) and is therefore improper.

Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF TIMELY FILED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

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Sir:

Further to a review of the instant application after receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed November 1, 2006, it appears that the applicants have not received confirmation that the Information Disclosure Statements filed on November 15, 2006 and November 7, 2006 have been considered. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner confirm consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

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